

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10 as being dependent from a rejected base claim but has indicated that the same would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3 and 9 have been rewritten as requested by the Examiner.

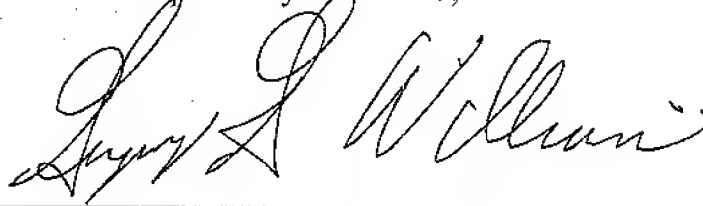
The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application and particularly for discovering the labeling error with respect to Figures 4 and 5. New figures with the legends reversed are submitted to address this problem.

The Examiner rejected claim 19 for failing to have an antecedent basis for a claim limitation. The Examiner further indicated that claim 19 would be allowable if this rejection were overcome. It appears that the Examiner may have overlooked the claim limitation which in fact was recited earlier in the claim.

Removal of this rejection and allowance of the claim is now believed to be appropriate.

The Applicant has already paid the issue fee on this application and requests that that fee be applied so as to expedite issuance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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